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TAGS: EMIN ENRG PL OVIP (KULPINSKI, JAN)
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON TRANSMISSION OF COAL BY LARGE-DIAMTE
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PIPELINE IN THE US

REF: WARSAW 1607

1. MINISTER OF MINING KULPINSKI HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION
ON THE U.S. EXPERIENCE IN TRANSPORTING COAL VIA
LARGE-DIAMTER PIPELINES. HE EXPLAINED THAT A POLISH
ENGINEER HAD RECENTLY WRITTEN ABOUT ONE SUCH PIPELINE,
SEVERAL HUNDRED KILOMETERS IN LENGTH, WHICH WAS IN
SUCCESSFUL OPERATION IN NORTHER U.S. AND CANADA.
THE MINISTER SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE
ABOUT THIS AND ANY OTHER EXISTING OR PROPOSED ABOVE-
GROUND COAL PIPELINE WHICH MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO HIS
UNDERSTANDING OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL FEASIBILITY OF SUCH
AN UNDERTAKING IN POLAND.

2. KULPINSKI SAID POLAND HAD EXPERIMENTED SOME YEARS AGO WITH SUCH
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TECHNOLOGY, BUT HAD FOUND IT IMPRACTICAL
DUE TO WASTAGE OF WATER AND COAL IN TRANSMISSION
AND TO RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. HE WONDERED
WHETHER PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN DEVELOPING A
TECHNIQUE FOR RECIRCULATING THE WATER AFTER ARRIVAL
OF THE COAL AT THE POINT OF DESTINATION OR OF USING
ANOTHER MEDIUM SUCH AS OIL. HE WAS ALSO INTERESTED

IN TECHNOLOGY FOR PROPULSION AND MENTIONED THAT THE SOVIETS WERE STILL CONDUCTING EXPERIMENTS IN LENINGRAD USING HYDRAULIC PROPULSION.

3. THE MINISTER SAID HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SEEING SUCH PIPELINES WHILE HE IS IN THE U.S. (REF), PROBABLY IN SEPTEMBER, BUT THAT HE FIRST WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE.

4. COMMENT: POLISH ECONOMISTS HAVE FOR SOME TIME CITED RAIL BOTTLENECKS AS A SERIOUS LIMITATION ON POLAND'S ABILITY TO EXPEND EXPORTS, AND THEY HAVE SAID THAT TRANSPORT OF BULK GOODS, ESPECIALLY COAL AND MINERALS, MUST RECEIVE HIGHER PRIORITY. THE MINISTER'S INTEREST MIGHT THEREFORE EVENTUALLY BE TRANSLATED INTO COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. FIRMS. DISTANCES FOR TRANSMISSION ARE NOT SO GREAT IN POLAND, AND POLISH ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT THAN IN THE U.S. END COMMENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE SEND SUBJECT INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY, ATTENTION ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION. COMMERCE MIGHT ALSO WANT TO INFORM APPROPRIATE U.S. COMPANIES, WHICH COULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THE MINISTRY DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE EMBASSY.
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